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PUBLIC NOTICE

Extension of Comment Period

FOR THE PROPOSED FFY2008 PRIORITY SYSTEM, INTENDED USE PLAN AND PROJECT PRIORITY LIST DOCUMENT FOR CLEAN WATER FINANCING

September 28, 2007

The purpose of this notice is to extend the comment period for the Proposed Federal Fiscal Year 2008 (FFY2008) Priority System document for administration of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program. On August 24, 2007, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) mailed a notice to municipalities, counties, environmental commissions, consulting engineers and other interested parties stating that a public hearing for the Proposed FFY2008 Priority System will be held on September 26, 2007 and that the public comment period would close on October 1, 2007.

At the September 26, 2007 hearing, several commenters requested that the Department extend the above noted comment period for an additional two-week period to provide more time to review and evaluate the impacts of the changes proposed in the FFY2008 Priority System document. The Department has decided to grant this request and hereby extends the date for the close of the comment period from October 1, 2007 to October 15, 2007.

In order to maintain program consistency, the Department has also extended the deadline for submittal of the commitment letter and planning documents. All local government units that have a project (or projects) listed or eligible for listing on the FFY2008 Priority List are required to commit to the following schedule by the October 15, 2007 deadline to be considered for the 2008 Financing Program. Any comments on the proposal document as well as the commitment to the schedule must be made in writing to the **Assistant Director, Municipal Finance and Construction Element** (MF&CE), P.O. Box 425, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0425 with a copy

to the Executive Director, New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (Trust). Prior to the submission of a commitment letter, all applicants are encouraged to have a pre-planning meeting with appropriate officials within the Municipal Finance and Construction Element.

2008 Loan Program Schedule	
Activity	Deadline
Commitment Letter and Planning	October 15, 2007
Documents	
Design Documents and Loan	March 3, 2008
Application	
Loan Award	November 2008

The complete Priority System proposal can be found on the Department's web site at http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/cwpl.htm. In addition to the complete Priority System, Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List, the web posting includes a project description and project ranking worksheet for each listed project.

For any questions regarding this notice or to request a copy of the Priority System proposal, please contact Scott Shymon, Bureau of Program Development and Technical Services, at (609) 292-3859.

Thank you for your anticipated input on this proposal document.

Sincerely,

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